GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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CLOSURE OF DELHI AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi airport was shut down during October, 2002 in the mornings to facilitate celebrations conducted by the Indian Air Force;

(b) whether due to this closure, thousands of passengers were put to inconvenience; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to avoid such reoccurence?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a):- On the occasion of Air Force Day in October every yearIndian Air Force carries out ceremonial fly past. Owing to this, the air space over Delhi airport is required to be closed in the mornings for 3-4 days. This year also in October, 2002 Delhi airport was closed on some days for this reason.

(b) & (c):- Some flights scheduled for operations during this period are affected due to the closure. However, since instructions are issued in advance in this regard, flights are accordingly re-scheduled. Therefore, minimal inconvenience is caused to the passengers.